

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A printable security paper comprising:
_____a region capable of receiving printed indicia on the front side and on the reverse side which are observable in reflected light and form an image observable in transmitted light, as security element protecting against two-sided copying,
_____wherein such region is a continuous screened region having an average overall opacity less than the opacity of ~~the~~ a vellum part of the rest of the paper,
_____said screened region ~~being made up from~~ consisting of alternations of (i) vellum miniregions, having an approximately constant thickness equal to that of the vellum part of the rest of the paper, and ~~of~~ (ii) miniregions of reduced opacity because of their smaller thickness compared with the vellum miniregions, and
_____ printed indicia on a front side and on a reverse side of the screened region of said security paper,
_____ these indicia forming patterns that are observed in reflected light and said patterns make up a final representation that is observed in transmitted light.

2. (Previously presented): The paper as claimed in claim 1, wherein the smallest dimension of said screened region is at least 0.5 cm.

3. (Previously presented): The paper as claimed in claim 1, wherein the difference in opacity between the average overall opacity of said screened region and the opacity of a vellum part of the rest of the paper is between 5 and 12 points, preferably between 6 and 10 points, the opacity being measured according to the ISO 2471 standard.

4. (Withdrawn – Currently amended): A security document protected against two-sided reproduction, comprising:

a medium comprising a security paper as claimed in claim 1,

~~, and~~

~~—— printed indicia on a front side and on a reverse side of the screened region of said security paper,~~

~~—— these indicia forming patterns that can be observed in reflected light and said patterns being designed so as to make up a final representation that can be observed in transmitted light.~~

5. (Withdrawn): The security document as claimed in claim 4, wherein the printed indicia comprise fine lines present both on the front side and on the reverse side of said screened region.

6. (Withdrawn): The security document as claimed in claim 5, wherein at least some of the lines, on the front side and on the reverse side, have a width of 110 μm or less, preferably 100 μm or less.

7. (Withdrawn): The security document as claimed in claim 5, wherein the lines are of variable density and variable intensity so that the final representation that can be observed in transmitted light exhibits a relief and volume effect.

8. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 4, wherein the printed indicia, in particular the lines, are black lines and/or lines of different shades of gray and/or colored lines and/or lines that change appearance with the viewing angle or through the action of a source of excitation, such as radiation, especially fluorescent, thermochromic or photochromic lines, and/or have electromagnetic, especially electrically conducting, magnetic or of magnetic-resonance, properties.

9. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 4, wherein the screened region and/or the screen of said region forms a particular pattern, especially a customized pattern or a pattern that corresponds to that of the final representation, resulting from the patterns that are printed on the front side and on the reverse side.

10. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it has a high resistance to circulation.

11. (Previously presented): A banknote obtained with a security paper or document as claimed in claim 1.

12. (Previously presented): The paper as claimed in claim 2, wherein the difference in opacity between the average overall opacity of said screened region and the opacity of a vellum part of the rest of the paper is between 5 and 12 points, preferably between 6 and 10 points, the opacity being measured according to the ISO 2471 standard.

13. (Withdrawn): The security document as claimed in claim 6, wherein the lines are of variable density and variable intensity so that the final representation that can be observed in transmitted light exhibits a relief and volume effect.

14. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 5, wherein the printed indicia, in particular the lines, are black lines and/or lines of different shades of gray and/or colored lines and/or lines that change appearance with the viewing angle or through the action of a source of excitation, such as radiation, especially fluorescent, thermochromic or photochromic lines, and/or have electromagnetic, especially electrically conducting, magnetic or of magnetic-resonance, properties.

15. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 6, wherein the printed indicia, in particular the lines, are black lines and/or lines of different shades of gray and/or colored lines

and/or lines that change appearance with the viewing angle or through the action of a source of excitation, such as radiation, especially fluorescent, thermochromic or photochromic lines, and/or have electromagnetic, especially electrically conducting, magnetic or of magnetic-resonance, properties.

16. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 7, wherein the printed indicia, in particular the lines, are black lines and/or lines of different shades of gray and/or colored lines and/or lines that change appearance with the viewing angle or through the action of a source of excitation, such as radiation, especially fluorescent, thermochromic or photochromic lines, and/or have electromagnetic, especially electrically conducting, magnetic or of magnetic-resonance, properties.

17. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 5, wherein the screened region and/or the screen of said region forms a particular pattern, especially a customized pattern or a pattern that corresponds to that of the final representation, resulting from the patterns that are printed on the front side and on the reverse side.

18. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 6, wherein the screened region and/or the screen of said region forms a particular pattern, especially a customized pattern or a pattern that corresponds to that of the final representation, resulting from the patterns that are printed on the front side and on the reverse side.

19. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 7, wherein the screened region and/or the screen of said region forms a particular pattern, especially a customized pattern or a pattern that corresponds to that of the final representation, resulting from the patterns that are printed on the front side and on the reverse side.

20. (Withdrawn): The document as claimed in claim 8, wherein the screened region and/or the screen of said region forms a particular pattern, especially a customized pattern or a pattern that corresponds to that of the final representation, resulting from the patterns that are printed on the front side and on the reverse side.